

1 DISTRICT COURT JUDGE BENJAMIN H. SETTLE  
2 MAGISTRATE JUDGE KAREN L. STROMBOM  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

9 THOMAS W.S. RICHEY,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 D. DAHNE,

13 Defendant.

NO. 3:12-CV-05060-BHS-KLS

DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR  
NOTICE OF ADJUDICATIVE FACT

14 Defendant, DENNIS DAHNE, by and through his attorneys of record, ROBERT W.  
15 FERGUSON, Attorney General, and HALEY BEACH, Assistant Attorney General,  
16 respectfully responds to Plaintiff Thomas Richey's Motion for Notice of Adjudicative Fact.  
17 ECF No. 112.

18 I. RESPONSE

19 The Court should deny Plaintiff's motion because he seeks judicial notice of legal  
20 conclusions rather than facts subject to judicial notice. "Courts may only take judicial notice of  
21 adjudicative facts that are 'not subject to reasonable dispute.'" *United States v. Ritchie*, 342 F.3d  
22 903, 908-09 (9th Cir. 2003) (quoting Fed. R. Evid. 201(b)). Facts are subject to judicial notice  
23 only if they are indisputable; thus, only if the facts "are 'generally known' under Rule 201(b)(1)  
24 or 'capable of accurate and ready determination by resort to sources whose accuracy cannot be  
25 reasonably questioned' under Rule 201(b)(2)." *Id.* Plaintiff seeks judicial notice of legal  
26 conclusions rather than facts. To the extent any of these legal conclusions are prior holdings

1 from this case, judicial notice of the fact of the prior holding is unnecessary. For these reasons,  
2 the Court should deny Plaintiff's motion.

3 **II. CONCLUSION**

4 Defendant respectfully requests that the Court deny Plaintiff's Motion for Notice of  
5 Adjudicative Facts because it does not seek judicial notice of any facts properly subject to  
6 judicial notice.

7 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 7th day of August, 2019.

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1                   **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2                   I certify that on the date below I caused to be electronically filed the DEFENDANT'S  
3 RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR NOTICE OF ADJUDICATIVE FACT with the  
4 Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system and I hereby certify that I have mailed a copy of  
5 the document through United States Postal Service to the following non CM/ECF participant:

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10                  I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the  
11 foregoing is true and correct.

12                  EXECUTED this 7th day of August, 2019, at Olympia, Washington.

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